

CEO of the Southlake Center for Mental Health, Lee has steered the center through obstacles, growth and so much more. In addition to Lee's devotion, the members of the Southlake Center for Mental Health Board of Directors have played a vital role in assuring that the organization is one of the best community based behavioral healthcare organization in the state. Members of the Board of Directors include: Ronald Borto, Chairman; Mary Beth Bonaventura; Harold Foster; Drew Furness; Edmund Gunn; Charles Kleinschmidt; Donald Levinson; James McShane, 111; C. Robert Onda; Patricia Schaadt; and Larry Shaver. Additionally, this 25th anniversary celebration would not be possible without the continued dedication of the entire staff at the center, specifically, Dr. Cheryl Morgavan, Dr. Les Schiller and Valerie Madvek, who are also celebrating 25 years with the Southlake Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the administrators, health care professionals, and other individuals who, over the years, have contributed to the Southlake Center for Mental Health's success in achieving its standard of excellence. Their hard work has improved the quality of life for everyone in Indiana's First Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Monday, October 7, 2002 and was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 5531, the Sudan Peace Act. Had I been here, I would have voted aye, in support of final passage of this bill. I believe this bill provides a solid framework for addressing the conflict in Sudan and the negotiations between warring parties.

In whatever manner we are able with our own modest efforts in this institution, we must steer the policies of the United States of America with a bright and moral compass, a compass that affirms human dignity and affirms human freedom; principles that are in the very heart of the American people.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL TOBY BETHEL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with earnest respect that I recognize Police Corporal Toby Bethel of Florence, Colorado for his outstanding courage and resolve during a period of unimaginable hardship. On September 28, 2001, Corporal Bethel was wounded in the line of duty and over the past year has overcome incredible challenges and obstacles on his road to recovery. In recognition of his courageous actions on September 28 and his astounding determination throughout his recovery process, I would like to pay tribute to Corporal Bethel before this body of Congress.

On September 28, 2001, Corporal Bethel was searching for two armed fugitives who

had recently shot and killed a Fremont County Sheriff's Deputy. In pursuit of the fugitives, Bethel was shot four times in his police car, lost control of his vehicle and suffered a serious automobile accident. As a result of the wounds inflicted by the encounter, Toby suffered extensive injuries that have proven to be very demanding. Corporal Bethel's recovery has been slowed by his frequent hospitalizations over the past year, postponing his ability to regain his normal weight and vitality.

Even in the face of such disheartening circumstances, Corporal Bethel remains optimistic and is committed to a full recovery from his injuries. He has been constantly working out to regain the weight, strength, and energy that was lost during his recovery and surgeries. He submits himself to a rigorous physical therapy program four days a week and lifts weights between sessions. Corporal Bethel is fully determined not to let his present situation deter his resolve; this test proves his strength and composure in a trying period and serves as a testimony to his character. Throughout this trying ordeal, his wife Misty has been a devoted and caring partner, inspiring Toby to give his all to his recovery efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Corporal Toby Bethel before this body of Congress and this nation for his courage and character in the face of adversity. His brave conduct on the night of September 28, 2001, and his unwavering spirit throughout his recovery process, is truly a story of heroic proportions. The overwhelming burdens Corporal Bethel has had to bear over the past year, his undying hope and ceaseless optimism serve as an inspiration to us all. I believe we could all take a page from his book on determination. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado and citizens across the nation, I commend Corporal Toby Bethel for the sacrifice he has made to his country in the pursuit of justice and the security for his fellow citizens and wish him the best in his ongoing recovery.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES ROONEY MILLER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fellow South Carolinian and college classmate, Charles Rooney Miller, a good friend, a master teacher, and a survivor of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Miller was born on August 11, 1939 in Clover, South Carolina in York County. He was the first of two children born to Andrew Charles Miller and Emily Lee (Allison) Miller. After his parents separated, he lived with his grandmother, aunts, uncles and other relatives—he was truly a community-raised child in a Christian environment. From a young age, he attended Clover Chapel Methodist Church Sunday Bible School and later joined Flat Rock Baptist Church where he was baptized. At the age of 11, he became the Sunday School Teacher for his age group.

Mr. Miller was an excellent student throughout grammar school and high school. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in May of 1956 as Valedictorian of his class. From there he went to South Carolina State College (now

University), where I had the pleasure of meeting him and beginning a life-long friendship. We were both active in the civil rights activities on campus and participated in a number of marches and other activities. Rooney graduated from SC State in 1962 and moved to Stamford, Connecticut where he was later joined by his wife and children.

In Connecticut, Mr. Miller worked two jobs to support his family; at Chemtross, a film developing business, and at Stamford Chemicals, a dry cleaning production business, where his work is associated with the invention of a number of products that are still used in today's dry cleaning industry. Mr. Miller later became a teacher and worked for a short time in South Carolina, Stamford, and in the Norwalk, Connecticut Public School Systems.

In 1968, Mr. Miller began a career with the New York City Department of Social Services and worked there until 1994 when he retired as a Supervisor with the Bureau of Social Services For Children. His retirement was not long and he returned to work in 1997 as a consultant with PSI International in Fairfax, Virginia and was assigned as a Conversion Specialist for his old office, the New York City Department of Social Services. He worked there until September 11, 2001.

On the morning of September 11th, Mr. Miller arrived at work early and spoke to several colleagues on his floor. He thought about how much he enjoyed his post-retirement work as a consultant and his ability to set his own schedule. In the midst of his musings, he heard a loud noise but first thought the sound came from normal truck traffic outside. But this window-rattling occurrence was different. He was astonished when he went to the window and saw the World Trade Center tower on fire and a trail of fluid pouring down the side of the building with fire leaping behind it. He heard other loud explosions and co-workers on his floor began to scream, cry and pray. The radios began broadcasting reports of the fire but no one was sure what was happening. As Mr. Miller and his co-workers continued to watch the building burn he saw people jumping from the windows, some holding hands. They watched as the second plane crashed into the other tower. They knew then they were in the midst of a planned attack, and pandemonium broke out. Finally, they received instructions to leave their building and head down to the South Street Seaport where they thought it would be safer by the water. They were given surgical masks to cover their noses and mouths and instructed to put a moist towel under the mask to help prevent inhalation of smoke, chemicals and other foreign particles. They left the darkened building with smoke and objects flying through the air.

As people were screaming and running out of the building, Miller was knocked to the ground and run over by several people before he could get back to his feet. He thought he would be okay once he caught his breath. He was eventually assisted by a worker from a nearby polling place and taken to a triage location. The medics realized that Miller was suffering from a heart attack and he was then rushed by ambulance to New York Hospital's downtown emergency room. He was hospitalized for five days and unable to contact his family. After subsequent angioplasty surgery and treatments for the back injury he received, he is now mending well.

He's still active in his church, Cathedral Baptist, where he serves as Chairman of the